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GRIZ HONOR RONAN FRIENDS

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Two Ronan residents will be honored at the Montana Grizzlies home football game Saturday, Sept. 25, at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Montana and Carlene Bockman will receive UM's distinguished Community Service Award. The award, presented by the University and coordinated by the UM Alumni Association and Grizzly Athletics, recognizes support of and service to UM and its athletic teams, as well as service to hometown communities.

Montana graduated from UM in 1960 with bachelor's degrees in history and health and physical education. He was a married student athlete -- he and Carlene wed in 1957 -- and while she worked to pay his way through school, he lettered as a Griz offensive lineman during 1956-1958. He also won the Billy Merritt Boxing Trophy twice.

After graduation, Montana taught and coached for 16 years before going into business in Ronan in 1977. He received the Class B Track Coach of the Year Award in 1975.

The couple received the Ronan Booster Hall of Fame award in 1994 and the Mission Mountain Chapter Grizzly Scholarship Association Sportspersons Award in 2003. Carlene was honored with the Mission Valley Businessperson Award in 2000 and the Ronan Chamber of Commerce Key Person Award in 1998. At her retirement party in 2004, the City of Ronan

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dedicated the Ronan City Park to her for years of service to the community.

Montana is the current president of the Mission Mountain chapter of the GSA, and Carlene serves as secretary.

Attending UM is a Bockman family tradition -- their daughters Becky Toelke and Christy Fryberger both attended the school, and their son Scott attended UM-Western in Dillon.

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